

ERBERT SCORES IN A GOLD MINE

amous Football Star Returns From Alaska With a Fortune.

CHICAGO, October 30.—Battling with snow and ice in the wilds of Alaska for three years, Gustave H. Ferbert, of the University of Michigan, has made a million-dollar touchdown. Ferbert, who was one of the greatest football players ever turned out in the West, had returned to the University of Michigan team in 1904, '05 and '06, and coach of the team eleven in 1907, '08 and '09. Quitting the strenuous gridiron game, Ferbert, who had been in Alaska, in 1909, made his fortune in the gold mine. His parting words were that he would return rich or not at all, and he has returned rich. Writing a friend in this city, he imparted the information that he had arrived at Seattle with enough of this world's goods to keep the wolf from the door the balance of his life.

In fact, he made a "killing" somewhere near Deering City in the Canadian region this and last year, and he cared to go back to his claims as he was able enough to put him in the millionaire class.

Ferbert was known on the gridiron as a bulldog in courage, and his friends proudly stood him in good stead the bleak region of the Arctic circle. Practically nothing was heard of him for years. Friends lost track of him, and there was only one man in Chicago with whom he corresponded, and letters to him ceased a long time ago.

Reported as Dead.
For the last two years friends have been making effort to get in touch with him, but without success. Now a then stories percolated from the open north how he had starved to death, been eaten by wolves, drowned, or to chronicle several other fatal terminations to the football player's career. When he departed he took all his portable property with him, and his best suit of clothes and boots. Some heavyweight tomes of learning when the Chicago friend rescued his wardrobe and library three years ago and put them in cold storage, he was sure that some day "Dutch" would be back.

The former gridiron star first located Nome, and there the real battle to get the heat from the door began. He tried prospecting in several districts, but without success. He then found work part of the time in restaurants, stores and other places, but lasted for several years, but never thought of him giving of going back to start out to cross the goal line. A kick or two in the pugilist from adverse fate he considered part of a game.

Riches Come Suddenly.
Then came the strike at Deering City. Ferbert was one of the first to hit it with a pack. At the start it was called a "Roaring Camp" all right, but it was a little shy, and then came a turn and riches in abundance. He created some of the best claims in the region, panned out more gold, and became a millionaire overnight.

Little more need be said. Our hero out for Nome on the first Malamukite. Though unassuming, as he became a returning prospector, loaded with gold, he had several scores to settle, which he did with becoming modesty. Having squared a four-year-old laundry bill, settled an overdue board account from an ampie buck in a pouch, he entered upon the last stage to the land where the juicy waterhouse takes the place of the dog and pemican salad.

THOROUGHBREDS IN HARNESS.

ur-in-Hand of Real Race Horses in New York Contest.

J. B. Cassatt, of Chesterbrook Farm, near Philadelphia, is planning to exploit the half-bred race as a harness horse, according to current gossip among coaching men. He will, it is said, enter a four-in-hand, made up of thoroughbred runners, in a race for the Arrowhead Challenge Cup at the coming Horse Show in Madison Square Garden.

In the palm days of public coaching in harness, when trotters were unknown and leading teams were the rule on fast tracks, horses nearly or quite thoroughbred were commonly driven on the royal mallee.

Extreme type of racing thoroughbred, the weight, and is not always easy to get when multiplied by four, and is rarely or sought after nowadays, but the half-bred horse, resulting from a cross with a trotter or a hackney, is often almost perfect for road coaching where course and endurance count. The chances are that plain Cassatt's team will be found to represent the hackney-thoroughbred cross instead of the clean-bred runner. In either case, however, it will be interesting to see the Philadelphia four compete with the best trotters that Alfred G. Vandell, Phil Seelig, Morris E. Howlett, George Watson and J. Campbell Thompson are counted to start in the nine-mile race.

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ADAMS DOES NOT POSSESS PARTICULARLY FAST BALL

His Curve, Though, is a Beauty, While His Drop Is a Puzzler--His Delivery Is Easy, and He Should Last for Several Years.

BY BILLY EVANS.

A month ago Pitcher Babe Adams, of the Pittsburgh team, occupied a very minor part in the baseball world. To-day this same pitcher, with the face of a big crowd on hand to bid him farewell, is looked upon as one of the game's greatest pitchers. The mere mention of Adams's name has caused quite a few of the fans to inquire in what league he worked. The rise of Adams, and his success under fire, has been the subject of the Detroit hero of baseball, Frank Merriwell. In reality three games of baseball made Adams. His trio of victories over the Detroit Tigers in the all-important world's series caused his name to be discussed in ever city and hamlet from coast to coast.

Inside of ten days, Adams has jumped from the bench warming class to the stellar honors in the struggle between the Tigers and the Pirates, which has gone down into history as one of the greatest battles ever waged for diamond supremacy. No doubt, the amounts he has been exaggerated in a number of cases, but it's a pretty good guess that the pitcher's bank roll will be the better by some \$3,000 when he gets back to his home in Missouri.

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"BABE" ADAMS.

contests through the newspaper reports will have reached the conclusion that Adams had some mysterious curve, possessed by no other twirler, and that his great success was due to such a puzzling curve. Don't be foolish and form such an opinion.

Has a Very Free Delivery.
Mr. Adams is a husky, well-built chap, with a pleasant face and a free, easy delivery. When delivering the ball to the batter he does so with the least possible exertion, and unless something should happen to him off the diamond, he ought to pitch for ten or even more years in the big league.

There are perhaps two dozen twirlers in each of the big leagues who have as much, if not more, speed than the Pirate hero. His fast ball is none too deceptive, but his curve ball is a thing of beauty, and his slow drop is quite a puzzler. There are other pitchers who have just as good a curve as Adams, but it's a question if any twirler ever worked the corners in as clever a manner as did he. Both the inside and outside of the plate were looked after by the Pittsburgh youngster in great style, and few groovers were served the Tiger batters. Behind the plate Gibson supported Adams in masterly style, and much of the youngster's success was due to the clever handling of the situation by the Pirates' great receiver.

True, Adams won three games for the Pirates, but no one will deny the Golden Rule of Fortune smiled on him in the first two contests.

No pitcher will ever give him a harder battle than did Mullin in the opening game, and but for several bad errors and breaks in the luck, Adams would have been forced to have accepted a tie at the end of the ninth.

In the second game the Tigers hit Adams for four runs, two of the hits being four-sackers. Under ordinary conditions, four runs will win the average ball game, but the Pirates, who worked so poorly that eight runs were garnered by the Pirates, and a rather easy victory resulted, although up to the seventh the score was a tie. In the last game the Tigers never had a chance. Adams performed in faultless style, but the general form of play of the Tigers, the wildness of Donovan and the early lead secured by Pittsburgh, all served to give Adams confidence and played a prominent part in the deciding victory.

Adams is a classy pitcher. He has demonstrated this fact beyond a doubt, but he is only human, and not the supernatural being some people will no doubt try to paint him. He pitched great ball in the series, but in every game he worked the other eight players did their best, and each played a prominent part in the signal success scored by him.

On the wonderful showing Adams made in the world's series great things will be expected of the "kid" next year. Perhaps the public will expect too much, but here's hoping he comes up to the greatest expectations, as no one ever took success any more modestly than did the hero of the 1909 struggle.

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Received Poor Support or Would Have Won Three Games in Series.

NEW YORK, October 30.—Ray Ewry, the world's champion in the standing jumps, lacks endurance. That's a queer predicament for a jumper to be in, but it is a fact, and cheerfully acknowledged by Ewry himself. Ewry, it will be remembered, seriously strained his back in jumping at the London Olympiad and was obliged to rest up a whole year. In August he started to get into condition again. At first he worked over so lightly—merely doing the simplest kind of exercises.

As soon as he began to jump a bit Ewry found out in a jiffy that the old spring was in his legs. His first two efforts were always right up to his best form, but after that he found it hard to do anything like his best.

Ewry will keep right on training all winter, and says that by next year he hopes to be able to "hold" the youngsters to a few scattering hits.

At the indoor championship Ewry jumped eleven feet in the standing broad jump without trouble. This is within five inches of his own world's record, so it is easily seen that the "human kangaroo" will be in wonderful form again with a year's conditioning under his belt.

So careful is Ewry in this training that even now he will not attempt a high jump in any form for fear of bringing back the old strain. It was in making a mighty effort to clear five feet two inches in the standing high jump at London that Ewry strained the muscles in his back so badly.

Public and critical opinion as to practical equality of the Pittsburgh and Detroit teams was amply sustained by the result. Pittsburgh won the series by the narrowest possible margin, four games to three, and that result was indebted to the unexpected ability of one young and inexperienced pitcher, with the aid of splendid physical condition and superior support to wear down the opposition and to succeed where older, more experienced rivals failed. And yet the closeness of the grand struggle and the narrowness of Pittsburgh's margin is shown by the solid fact that had Pitcher Mullin received, in the first game he pitched, from his Detroit team the support that was accorded young Adams by his mates, the crown would have been Mullin's with the clean record of three victories that good fortune and good backing conferred upon Adams. So, in the last analysis, it was not the pitching alone, with due respect to Adams and Mullin, Donovan and Maddox, that decided the 1909 world's championship, but all the other factors that go to make up the greatest game ever invented by man. Concisely stated, Pittsburgh won because of slightly superior defense and base-running; vastly superior catching and the high-class pitching of one man; while Detroit lost on inferior fielding, poor base-stopping and inopportune batting. Weighing one factor with another, the last analysis shows that as the pitching corps of neither team was in condition, each was reduced to dependence upon one pitcher, and that, therefore, as it turned out, the battle between Mullin and Adams in the first game of the series settled the final result. As before remarked, had Mullin won that game, in which he really outpitched his young rival, he would have had the honor young Adams now shares with Mathewson, of having won a world's series with a perfect three-game record.

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